

# National Conference for High Court Justices on Arbitration (P-1460)

Date: 04<sup>th</sup> & 05<sup>th</sup> October 2025; Venue: NJA, Bhopal

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## Tentative Programme Schedule

Session & Timings	DAY 1 04 <sup>th</sup> October, 2025 (Saturday)
<b>SESSION 1</b> <b>10:30am – 12:00pm</b>  (11:45am – 12:00pm) <i>Q &amp; A, Open Discussion</i>	<b>Role of Courts in Arbitral Process: Towards A Model Dispute Resolution Regime</b> <u><i>Proposed Scope of Discussion:</i></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Scheme of the Arbitration &amp; Conciliation Act: (Amendment) Act, 2019 &amp; 2021</li><li>• Sec. 11 and the limitation period</li><li>• Ad-hoc and Institutional Arbitration</li><li>• Court vis-à-vis Arbitral Tribunal: Interim Relief under Sec. 9 and 17 of the Act</li><li>• Interplay between Sec.(s) 16 &amp; 34 of the Arbitration Act</li><li>• Doctrine of <i>Kompetenz-kompetenz</i></li></ul>
<b>12:00pm – 12:30pm : Tea/Coffee Break</b>	
<b>SESSION 2</b> <b>12:30pm – 2:00pm</b>  (01:45pm – 02:00pm) <i>Q &amp; A, Open Discussion</i>	<b>International Commercial Arbitration: Pressing Cross-Border Issues</b> <u><i>Proposed Scope of Discussion:</i></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bilateral Investment Treaty Arbitration vis-à-vis investor-state, &amp; state to state arbitration.</li><li>• Legal concept of “seat” or “place” of arbitration; Difference between “seat” and “venue”</li><li>• Governing Law and its implication</li><li>• Harmonizing national interest and international expectations</li></ul>
<b>02:00pm – 03:00pm : Lunch Break</b>	
<b>SESSION 3</b> <b>03:00pm – 4:30pm</b>  (04:15pm – 4:30pm) <i>Q &amp; A, Open Discussion</i>	<b>Recognition and Enforcement of Arbitral Award</b> <u><i>Proposed Scope of Discussion:</i></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Grounds for challenging an award under Part I &amp; II</li><li>• Conditions &amp; limitation period for enforcement of arbitral awards</li><li>• Challenges in Executing foreign arbitral awards in India</li><li>• Developing Jurisprudence on Execution of award (Sec. 36)</li></ul>
<b>4:00pm onwards : Tea/ Coffee at Cafeteria</b>	

<b>Session &amp; Timings</b>	<b>DAY 2</b> <b>05<sup>th</sup> October, 2025 (Sunday)</b>
<b>SESSION 4</b> <b>10:00am – 11:30am</b>	<b>Emergency arbitration and enforceability</b>  <i><u>Proposed Scope of Discussion:</u></i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Challenges and mechanism for emergency arbitration</li> <li>• 246th Report of the Law Commission of India</li> <li>• Status of Emergency Arbitrator under A&amp; C Act</li> <li>• Mechanism to enforce orders of emergency arbitrators</li> </ul>
<b>(11:15am – 11:30am)</b> <i>Q &amp; A, Open Discussion</i>	
<b>11:30am – 12:00pm : Tea/Coffee Break</b>	
<b>SESSION 5</b> <b>12:00pm – 1:30pm</b>	<b>Current and Emerging Trends in Domestic and International Arbitration</b>  <i><u>Proposed Scope of Discussion:</u></i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asymmetric Arbitration Agreement</li> <li>• “Specific clause” expressly barring payment of interest</li> <li>• Third-party funding</li> <li>• Counterclaim</li> <li>• Online Dispute Resolution Mechanism</li> <li>• AI, Blockchain &amp; Smart Contract</li> </ul>
<b>(01:15pm – 1:30pm)</b> <i>Q &amp; A, Open Discussion</i>	
<b>1:30pm – 1:40pm : Feedback and Audit of the Course by Participants</b>	
<b>1:40pm onwards : Lunch &amp; Departure</b>	

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